

**World War I
Research Subject Guide
Louisiana State Archives**



Introduction:

This guide was made by archival staff at the Louisiana State Archives as an introduction to some of the materials we have on the First World War for the state of Louisiana. Most of these collections pertain to Louisiana during the First World War. The listings are arranged according to the Table of Contents listed below and then alphabetically within each section. For further information on this topic, or to view our collections, please visit the Louisiana State Archives Research Library or contact the Research Library staff at 225.922.1207 or via email at archives@sos.la.gov.

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Manuscripts/Originals

Balhouse Collection, 1913-1925, Collection contains a complete World War I military uniform and photographs of John Johnston, who wore the uniform. This collection of memorabilia from the Balhouse family includes publications pertaining to: Agriculture, geometry, and business, a map of Paul Revere's midnight ride; and a woman's dress from the World War I era.
Collection No. N1992-054

Sanders Collection, 1866-1988, Information pertaining to the lives of Louisiana Representative, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, and U.S. Representative J.Y. Sanders, III, and his son, Louisiana Representative, Louisiana Senator, and U.S. Representative J.Y. Sanders IV, and their ancestors. These men were referred to throughout their political careers as J.Y. And J.Y., Jr. The collection includes photographs, correspondence, maps, newspaper articles, speeches, political fliers, buttons, and memorabilia. Detailed inventory available.
Collection No. N1982-124

William Hursey Sayes WWI Uniform and Ephemera, 1914-1918, Collection contains a United States military uniform and equipment from World War I, which was issued to Hursey Sayes. Included are a jacket, pants, belt, undergarments, helmet, canteen and other personal items. Also included are four volumes of "The National Service Library Training Camp Edition," an Individual Pay Record Book, and several pieces of correspondence to Hursey Sayes.
Collection No. N2015-042

Military Records

43rd U.S. Infantry, 1918, Collection contains a history and photographic record of the 43rd U.S. Infantry, commanded by Colonel Lambert W. Jordan.
Collection No. P1992-064

Claire Chennault Collection, 1920-1958, Reports, family letters, newspaper clippings, photo negatives, magazines, photographs, military memorabilia, correspondence, and other materials pertaining to the life and career of General Claire Chennault. Inventory available.
Collection No. N1991-005

State Treasurer's Office Soldiers' Memorial Records, 1920-1921, Collection consists of correspondence, reports, and miscellaneous papers relating to the soldier's memorial campaign dating from February 23, 1920 to June 16, 1921. The object of the project was the erection of a memorial at Louisiana State University to honor Louisiana's soldiers in World War I. Inventory available.

Collection No. P1979-279

World War I Records, 1914-1918, Collection contains an alphabetical listing within each parish of soldiers who served in World War I. Includes name, address, age or date of birth, organization, wounds received, time in service, rank, date of discharge, etc. Officers are listed first in each parish. Inventory available. Restricted to digital image use in research room only, see library reference desk.

Collection No. P1988-182

Posters

Military Posters World War I, 1914-1918, World War I posters printed to encourage the public to support the war by eating less meat and wheat, buying U.S. Bonds and joining the service. Also includes posters in many foreign languages. Original posters not available to the public. However, there are 4" x 6" color photos available for research use. The brass plate which identified the posters is also available. See inventory. Donated by the American Legion, Louisiana Department (citation should be given when displayed or copied).

Collection No. P1992-048

Piercy J. Stakelum Jr. Collection, 1964, Collection consists of two posters and two prints relating to World War I collected by the New Orleans Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), from "By the Editors of LIFE The First World War: A Portfolio of Famous Paintings and Posters." Paintings include F.C. Yohn's "The Last Night of the War" and George Scott's "La Voie Sacrée de Verdun." Posters include "Victory is a Question of Stamina" and "They Kept the Sea Lane Open: Invest in the Victory Lane."

Collection No. N1997-001

Microfilm

St. Francisville Democrat, Ebie Robinson Scrapbook, 1916-1920, Robinson's scrapbook includes information about his work with the Red Cross in Europe after the end of World War I and during the Bolshevik Revolution from 1916 to 1920. Also included are newspaper articles written by him, Russian money, and Russian stamps.

Collection No. N1993-010

William Walters, Sr., Collection, 1890-1911, The Walters papers include a family Bible, family register, birth certificates, marriage records, death certificates, correspondence, and a diary from World War I. Also included is a book on the Panama Canal Zone, copyright 1911, 149 pages, with historical illustrations.

Collection No. N1993-007

World War I Bonus-Index Cards and Microfilm, no date, Collection contains records of bonuses given to veterans after World War I. Index is on film in research film room and is in alphabetical order by soldier's last name.

Collection No. P1989-036

World War I Draft Registration Cards for Louisiana, 1917-1918, Collection contains National Archives microfilm m1509 entitled "World War I Selective Service System draft registration cards." Arranged alphabetically by parish, then alphabetically by surname. Provides such information as: date of birth, birth place, occupation, nearest relative, and personal description.

Collection No. N2002-014